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Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 3:08 AM
To: HarborComments
Subject: Clean up our toxic river

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

To Whom It May Concern,

The cleanup draft plan for the Portland Harbor Superfund Site is insufficient for a healthy revival of the river & must be revised if both human & wildlife are to enjoy it in the future. Our iconic Willamette River runs through the center of our city & is home to a wide range of wildlife including Osprey, the Bald Eagle, the River Otter, the Great Blue Heron, & many species of fish, all of which depend upon a clean river.

Presently, only a very small amount of fish caught in the Willamette is safe for adult human consumption & for pregnant or nursing women no amount of resident fish is considered safe.

The health of the river has been poisoned, polluted & neglected far too long for a natural recovery to occur within any reasonable amount of time & we must have a plan that focuses on dredging & removing contaminated sediment & then disposing of it in an appropriate landfill before poisoned sludge and chemicals seep into our water supply or it begins to affect the population of our fish and wildlife.

I am asking you to, please, make the following improvements:

1. The EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, & areas where there is a high risk of recontamination in & around the river.
2. The EPA should state a clear & definite timeline & metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. The EPA should select an alternative to the present plan that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. The EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well.
5. The EPA must address environmental justice issues that been shoved under a rug until now, including reviewing & correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process & delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits & other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community.
6. The EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Thank you.

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